Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 11 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 12 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 10 Mar 2023 at 16:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Saturday. Low for extent of rain and snow on Sunday and at first on Monday. High for a return to cold weather with snow showers by Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 11 Mar 2023: Mostly dry and cold during daylight hours, snow and strengthening winds developing after dark

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 11 Mar 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	10%	30%	50%	60%

Forecast for Saturday 11 Mar 2023

Weather: A few snow showers across coastal Argyll and Arran in the morning but these quite isolated after daybreak. Then most of daylight hours will be dry, increasing cloud through the afternoon. Patchy snow will spread north and east across the area later in the afternoon and early evening, becoming more persistent across Argyll towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little in the way of cloud expected on the summits during daylight hours apart from some patchy cloud around 800 metres or above in coastal snow showers. Cloud progressively lowering to 500 to 700 metres through the evening although parts of southern Lochaber should remain quite clear.

Low Cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility with great air clarity expected for much of the day, but lowering cloud and snow quickly reducing visibility after dark.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	12/14 NE	12/14 NE	11/14 E	9/12 SE	15/20 SE	19/25 SE	22/29 SE	26/36 SE	28/37 SE
900	8/10 NE	9/12 NE	11/13 E	10/13 E	14/19 SE	16/23 SE	18/26 SE	22/32 SE	22/32 SE
600	8/10 NE	10/12 NE	12/15 E	9/12 E	10/14 SE	17/24 SE	20/28 SE	23/34 SE	23/34 SE
300	3/4 E	5/7 NE	4/7 NE	4/6 N	8/14 E	11/18 SE	14/23 SE	17/29 SE	16/27 SE
Glen	3/5 NW	4/8 NE	6/12 NE	7/14 NE	6/11 E	9/17 SE	12/24 SE	8/17 NE	12/25 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-15	-8/-15	-8/-15	-8/-14	-8/-16	-7/-16	-8/-18	-9/-19	-8/-18
900	-6/-11	-7/-13	-8/-14	-7/-12	-4/-11	-4/-10	-5/-13	-6/-15	-5/-14
600	-3/-8	-4/-9	-4/-10	-3/-8	-2/-6	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-9	-1/-8
300	-1/-3	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-4	1/-2	2/-2	0/-5	-1/-7	-1/-7
Glen	0/-2	-1/-4	-1/-5	0/-3	4/1	5/1	2/-2	2/-2	2/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	100m	00m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sun glare likely off any fresh snowpack. Navigational difficulties possible after dark with the onset of snow, low cloud and strong winds.

Forecast for Sunday 12 Mar 2023

Weather: Low confidence for detail. Snow in the early hours, clearing away by dawn. Then dry for a time before further periods of rain extend from the southwest by late morning. This will preceded by snow or freezing rain for a time before snow becomes confined to the higher tops across Argyll in the afternoon. A lot of uncertainty at the moment as to the extent and duration of rain and snow. Some of thaw of lying snow expected leading to wet conditions especially at lower elevations.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 25 mph with gusts to 25 mph on the tops

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 500 to 800 metres, best of any cloud breaks likely across Jura, Kintyre and Arran for a short time in the morning. Visibility becoming very poor in any snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 rising to 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 200 metres rising to 1200 to 1500 metres by afternoon, and perhaps nearer to 1800 metres by evening

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